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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Takehiko FUJIYAMA  
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Serial No.: 09/819,195

Filed: March 28, 2001

Title: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING  
DATA IN A LINEAR-TYPE OR RING-TYPE NETWORK**

Examiner: Anh Vu H. Ly

Group Art Unit: 2667

February 24, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for:

( ) one month      ( ) three months  
(X) two months    ( ) four months

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for a two-month extension of time is \$450.

(x) Fee enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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( ) Applicant is a small entity entitled to pay reduced fees in this application.

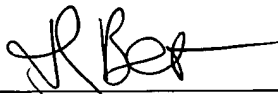
A verified small entity statement:

( ) has been filed ( ) is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a:

- ( ) Declaration, Request to Correct Inventorship, Consent, disclaimer
- ( X ) Response/ Amendment ( ) Notice of Appeal ( ) Appeal Brief
- ( ) Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- ( ) Sub Power of Attorney/Change of Correspondence Address

Respectfully submitted,



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